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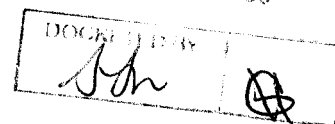
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The Honorable Yvette B. Kinsey
Administrative Law Judge
Hearing Division
ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: **Public Comment Letter** Arizona Water Company, Santa Cruz Water Company, and Palo Verde Utilities Company CC&N cases; Docket Nos. W-01445A-06-0199; SW-03575A-05-0926; W-03576A-05-0926

Dear Commissioners and Judge Kinsey:

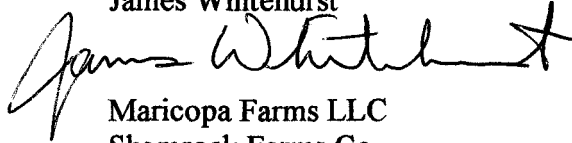
Maricopa Farms LLC is a landowner in the proposed CC&N extension area of Arizona Water Company. We own approximately 1000 acres in the extension area. Our property is located on the west side of White Parker road between Hwy. 84 and Kortsan Rd. We would like to express our strong opposition to Arizona Water Company's application in this matter. We have a 10,000 cow dairy on our site with the rest of the crop land used to grow feed for the dairy. We have recently begun construction of a new 1500 cow organic dairy on the north end of our property which is requiring another large capital investment on our part. We would not be making these investments if we believed development of our property was in the near future. We have not asked Arizona Water Company for service and we do not want to be included in their (Az. Water Co.) or any other companies CC&N at this time. Arizona Water Company does not have a valid reason to include our property in their expansion, and the inclusion may cause us economic harm. Maricopa Farms LLC has tried to work with Arizona Water Company as have other dairy operations that are outside their CC&N but within 3 miles of their service area on other water issues and have found Arizona Water Company either

unwilling or unable to work with us to find a reasonable solution to these challenging issues. We are currently working along with other Arizona dairy producers on possible legislative solutions to our challenges and a change in our designation from being outside a water companies CC&N to inside a water companies CC&N may have a dire and adverse effect on our ability to seek relief.

Landowners should have a large say on who services their property and when this service is needed or desired as to not disrupt or cause undue financial hardships on the land owners ongoing business practices. We understand that the Commission has given substantial weight to the landowner's choice of utilities in many cases. The Commission should continue this tradition. A CC&N will grant a monopoly over our property, and we ask that our views be considered in making this important choice.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely yours,
James Whitehurst

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Whitehurst", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Maricopa Farms LLC
Shamrock Farms Co.